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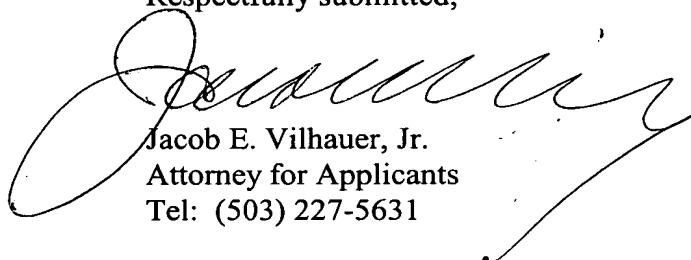
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Copies of references AA-BP are not enclosed herewith, as they were previously cited or submitted to the Office in prior application of Serial No. 10/274,068, filed October 17, 2001. Should the Examiner be unable to locate any of the references, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney and copies of the references will be provided.

The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information supplied by the inventor and the information in his file.

Respectfully submitted,



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	BG	Micromanipulator Company, Inc. "Model 8000 Test Station." (1988)
	BH	Applebay, Harry F. Deposition transcript (pp. 61-67) with exhibits 581 A.B.C. describing Flexion AP-1 probe station sold in 1987 (May 1988)
	BI	"Cross Section Signatone S-1240," one-page sketch prepared by Signatone counsel.
	BJ	"S-1240," two-page product note, Signatone, San Jose, CA (February 1988 or earlier per Signatone counsel)
	BK	Y. Yamamoto, "A Compact Self-Shielding Prober . . ." IEEE Trans., Inst. and Meas., Vol. 38, pp. 1088-1093 (1989)
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	BP	Hewlett-Packard, H-P Model 4284A Precision LCR Meter, Operation Manual (December 1991) pp. 1-2, 6-9 and 6-15
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